

Amendments to the Claims

1. (Currently amended) A soft capsule encapsulating a medicinal liquid comprising a dietary fiber in an amount of 5 to 90% by weight based on a whole composition of the medicinal liquid;

wherein said medicinal liquid is in the form of a suspension which is homogenized and the dietary fiber facilitates suspension of components of the medicinal liquid and stabilizes the suspension.

2. (Original) A soft capsule as defined in claim 1, wherein said dietary fiber is contained in an amount of 5 to 60% by weight based on the whole composition of said medicinal liquid.

3. (Original) A soft capsule as defined in claim 1, wherein said dietary fiber is either a micronized vegetable fiber or a water-soluble dietary fiber.

4. (Original) A soft capsule as defined in claim 2, wherein said dietary fiber is either a micronized vegetable fiber or a water-soluble dietary fiber.

5. (Original) A soft capsule as defined in claim 1, wherein said soft capsule is substantially free of any dispersion stabilizer.

6. (Original) A soft capsule as defined in claim 2, wherein said soft capsule is substantially free of any dispersion stabilizer.

7. (Original) A soft capsule as defined in claim 3, wherein said soft capsule is substantially free of any dispersion stabilizer.

8. (Original) A soft capsule as defined in claim 4, wherein said soft capsule is substantially free of any dispersion stabilizer.

9. (Original) A soft capsule as defined in claim 1, wherein said soft capsule is substantially free of any fat and oil material or oil-soluble material.

10. (Original) A soft capsule as defined in claim 2, wherein said soft capsule is substantially free of any fat and oil material or oil-soluble material.

11. (Original) A soft capsule as defined in claim 3, wherein said soft capsule is substantially free of any fat and oil material or oil-soluble material.

12. (Original) A soft capsule as defined in claim 5, wherein said soft capsule is substantially free of any fat and oil material or oil-soluble material.

13. (Original) A soft capsule as defined in claim 1, further comprising either a fat and oil material or an oil-soluble material in an amount of 50% or less by weight based on the whole composition of said medicinal liquid.

14. (Original) A soft capsule as defined in claim 2, further comprising either a fat and oil material or an oil-soluble material in an amount of 50% or less by weight based on the whole composition of said medicinal liquid.

15. (Original) A soft capsule as defined in claim 3, further comprising either a fat and oil material or an oil-soluble material in an amount of 50% or less by weight based on the whole composition of said medicinal liquid.

16. (Original) A soft capsule as defined in claim 5, further comprising either a fat and oil material or an oil-soluble material in an amount of 50% or less by weight based on the whole composition of said medicinal liquid.

17. (Previously presented) A soft capsule as defined in claim 9, further comprising a material of limited oil-solubility other than the dietary fiber in an amount of 1 to 80% by weight based on the whole composition of said medicinal liquid.

18. (Previously presented) A soft capsule as defined in claim 14, further comprising a material of limited oil-solubility other than the dietary fiber in an amount of 1 to 70% by weight based on the whole composition of said medicinal liquid;

said fat and oil material or oil-soluble material being contained in an amount of 1 to 50% by weight based on the whole composition of said medicinal liquid.

19. (Currently amended) A soft capsule encapsulating a medicinal liquid consisting essentially of:

a dietary fiber in an amount of 5 to 90% by weight based on a whole composition of the medicinal liquid; and

a material of limited oil-solubility other than the dietary fiber in an amount of 1 to 80% by weight based on the whole composition of said medicinal liquid;

wherein said medicinal liquid is in the form of a suspension which is homogenized and the dietary fiber facilitates suspension of components of the medicinal liquid and stabilizes the suspension.

20. (Currently amended) A soft capsule encapsulating a medicinal liquid consisting essentially of:

a dietary fiber in an amount of 5 to 60% by weight based on a whole composition of the medicinal liquid;

a material of limited oil-solubility other than the dietary fiber in an amount of 1 to 70% by weight based on the whole composition of said medicinal liquid; and

either a fat and oil material or an oil-soluble material in an amount of 1 to 50% by weight based on the whole composition of said medicinal liquid;

wherein said medicinal liquid is in the form of a suspension which is homogenized and the dietary fiber facilitates suspension of components of the medicinal liquid and stabilizes the suspension.

21. (Previously presented) A soft capsule as defined in claim 17, wherein said material of limited oil-solubility comprises a powder material or a soft extract material.

22. (Previously presented) A soft capsule as defined in claim 18, wherein said material of limited oil-solubility comprises a powder material or a soft extract material.